

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation:** [Computer Software Engineers, Applications \(15-1031\)](#)

**Associated Occupation:** [Database Administrators \(15-1061\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

**Focus Occupation:** Computer Software Engineers, Applications (15-1031)

**Associated Occupation:** Database Administrators (15-1061)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Computers and Electronics	8.4	19.9	23.8	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	14.2	6.6	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Clerical	7.3	10.9	3.4	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Communications and Media	5.3	8.0	4.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Telecommunications	3.9	7.3	4.2	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 74

**Focus Occupation:** Computer Software Engineers, Applications (15-1031)

**Associated Occupation:** Database Administrators (15-1061)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Systems Analysis	6.5	10.6	13.3	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Systems Evaluation	6.4	10.4	13.4	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Programming	2.2	9.9	14.6	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient
Operations Analysis	5.0	9.6	11.4	>	Skill level is likely sufficient
Technology Design	2.6	6.1	10.3	>>	Skill level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 97				
Focus Occupation: Computer Software Engineers, Applications (15-1031) Associated Occupation: Database Administrators (15-1061)						
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation		
Information Ordering	9.9	12.3	11.6	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.0	11.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.1	9.1	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required	
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	9.9	11.9	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient	
Originality	7.6	9.8	10.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient	
Selective Attention	8.7	9.8	10.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient	
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	9.7	12.4	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient	
Number Facility	6.3	8.9	11.2	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient	

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91
Focus Occupation: Computer Software Engineers, Applications (15-1031) Associated Occupation: Database Administrators (15-1061)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Adjust computer operation system	84	
Communicate technical information	4	
Design data security systems	89	
Develop computer performance standards	87	
Develop mathematical simulation models	70	
Develop or maintain databases	30	
Develop tables depicting data	33	
Evaluate computer system user requests or requirements	81	
Follow data security procedures	77	
Follow data storage procedures	75	
Install hardware, software, or peripheral equipment	89	
Monitor computer operation	85	
Program mainframe computer	84	
Provide technical computer training	82	
Revise or correct errors in computer programs, software, or systems	85	
Test computer programs or systems	78	

Use computer networking technology	81
Use computer programming language	82
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use knowledge of mainframe computers	78
Use project management techniques	47
Use spreadsheet software	18
Write computer software, programs, or code	84
Write documentation for computer programming	87

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 88

**Focus Occupation: Computer Software Engineers, Applications (15-1031)**  
**Associated Occupation: Database Administrators (15-1061)**

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Development software	4
Industry specific software	1
Network applications software	1
Networking software	21
Operating environment software	12
Security and protection software	30
Utility and device driver software	17

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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